

Minutes of Meeting
Washington State Board of Optometry

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 9:10 a.m., on Friday, June 4, 2004, by Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair. The meeting was held in Conference Room One, at the Department of Health offices, Center Point Corporate Park, 20435 72nd South, Kent, Washington.

BOARD MEMBERS Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair
PRESENT: Lund Chin, O.D.
 Jeffrey Sutro, O.D.
 Ben Wong, Jr., O.D.
 Mary Lou Staples, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT: Donald Williams, Executive Director
 Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
 Judy Haenke, Program Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: James Grimes, O.D., Liaison, Optometric Physician of Washington
 Tim Layton, Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

ORDER OF AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved with the following change:
Item 5: Correspondence, was moved to Closed Session

1.2 Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2004, meeting.
The minutes were approved with the following change:
Item 5: Change Dr. Cory to read Dr. Hansen.

1.3 Report from Thomas Riley, O.D., Board Chair
Dr. Riley provided the following comments:

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Riley expressed his appreciation to Don Williams, Executive Director, for his leadership. Mr. Williams will be retiring from his position in July 2004.

Board of Optometry rules adopted on April 23, 2004, designating the oral drug list, guidelines for the use of oral Schedule III through V controlled substances and legend drug, and approval or removal of medications were filed with the Office of the Code Reviser on June 2, 2004. The rules will be effective on July 3, 2004.

Pacific University College of Optometry will send certification of completion of the Advanced Ocular Therapy (AOT) coursework directly to the Board. Licensees who completed the AOT coursework will not be required to send verification to the Board office.

Licensees who completed the Oregon AOT course and the Washington supplemental course will be required to send verification of completion of the Oregon AOT course to the Board office.

Assistant Attorney General, Gail Yu, will notify the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the adoption of the oral drug rules and request that qualified optometrists be authorized to apply for registration with the DEA. Qualified Washington optometrists may obtain DEA registration once the DEA provides that authorization.

DEA registration is required only for prescription of Controlled Substances.

Notification of the rules and information on application for the DEA registration will be sent to all current licensees.

Dr. Riley suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Board of Pharmacy for its role in development of the oral drug rules. The Board agreed.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ORAL PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

- 2.1 Report on status of rules for designation of oral drug list, guidelines and changes to the approved drug list. Timetable for certification.
Dr. Riley reiterated his earlier comments regarding certification.

The Board reviewed a test print of a license displaying authorization for oral prescriptive authority. Following discussion, the Board requested slight modification. Staff will facilitate the changes.

- 2.2 Curriculum at approved colleges of optometry.
The board reviewed responses from approved colleges to determine whether the college's current coursework incorporates the requirements of the oral certification course. From the information provided, the Board agreed that not all schools and colleges approved by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE), offered complete curriculum as required in WAC 246-851-570 and WAC 246-851-600, in Washington for prescription oral medication and injection of epinephrine for anaphylactic shock.

Dr. Jeffrey Sutro made the following motion: Additional oral, didactic and clinical education including education for injection of epinephrine for anaphylactic shock, will not be required from ACOE approved schools or colleges of optometry starting with 2004 graduates provided that education and clinical requirements meet Washington State law and rules and the education is verified by the optometry school or college of graduation.

Dr. Chin seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

- 2.3 Updating the oral drug list and guidelines.
Jeffrey Sutro, O.D., outlined a draft proposal by which the Boards of Optometry and Pharmacy determine changes to the oral drug list and guidelines. Changes to

the list or guidelines will be made through the standard rule process and include public participation.

The Board approved the draft proposal presented by Dr. Sutro. The proposal will be forwarded to the Board of Pharmacy for consideration.

3. REPORT BY DONALD WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Williams reported on the June 2, 2004, Department of Health Board and Commission Meeting. The focus of the meeting was to update the Boards and Commissions on the current disciplinary process and to explore options to improve accountability, timeliness and consistency of sanctions. There is currently a Disciplinary Process Review Project, which has charted the workflow of disciplinary cases from the initial complaint through disposition; identified similarities and differences; and developed subcommittees to recommend certain process improvements. Subcommittees are currently considering the processes for high profile cases and non-compliance of Board orders. Stakeholder input will be requested for any proposed changes to the process.

Lund Chin, O.D., attended this meeting as Board representative.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that three legal and three investigative units of Health Professions Quality Assurance Division would be combined into one investigative unit and one legal unit. This includes current Division, Medical and Nursing staff. Board of Pharmacy Investigators are not affected by this change. The combining of staff will provide more flexibility and mobility as well as achieve a more even workload.

Other staff changes will be announced within the next few weeks.

Mr. Williams indicated that tentative legislation for 2005 includes encouraging Hospital reporting of practitioners to improve accountability, the separation of findings of violations from sanctions, and a fast track discipline when practitioners are non-compliant with current orders.

4. OPTOMETRY BOARD SEMINAR

4.1 March 2004

The Board reviewed final costs, comments and recommendations for speakers for the 2005 seminar.

4.2 March 2005

In discussing plans for the 2005 seminar, the following motion was passed. Continue the two-day seminar through March 2005 and evaluate attendance and budget implications.

R. Richard Ryan, O.D., was selected as Chair of the 2005 seminar. The co-char will be the newest member of the Board to be appointed by the Governor to replace Ben Wong, Jr., O.D., whose term ends September 18, 2004.

Information on proposed speakers for 2005 will be sent to Dr. Ryan.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved to closed session.

6. TIER LICENSING IN WASHINGTON

A proposal for 2005 Department of Health proposed legislation for a uniform level of licensure was submitted. It was determined that the proposal would not be included in the proposed legislative package for the Department in 2005. As reported by Mr. Williams, the Department plans to propose legislation primarily focused on the disciplinary process. There was no opposition to the proposal for a uniform level of licensure for optometrists.

7. REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

The Board reviewed the following coursework:

Dough Harshman, O.D. was approved for three credits for preparation of the lecture: “Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Disease”.

TLC Vision and Midwest Surgical Services: “Cataract Opportunities for the Comprehensive Optometrists” August 24, 2004, Astoria, Washington. Approved for 1.5 hours.

“Midwest Vision Congress and Expo” to be held May 13-15, 2004, in Rosemont, Illinois. All Cope approved courses were approved. Interested individuals should contact the Board for information on approval of other courses being offered.

Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute: “Glue for Eye Surgery; Crystal Lens-The Accommodating IOL” May 6, 2004, Wenatchee, Washington. Approved for two hours.

Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute: “What’s New in Neuro-ophthalmology” March 24, 2004, Bellevue, Washington. Approved for two hours.

“Conference of Optometrist Association of Australia” April 15, 2004. Approved for eight hours.

Thomas Riley, O.D., approved for four hours for publication of “Lesion Masquerades as AMD Finding” Review of Optometry, May 2004 issue.

Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute: “What’s New in Glaucoma?” May 11, 2004, Bellevue Washington. Approved for two hours.

Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute: “Dry Eye, Rosacea, and Refractive Surgery Update: Alternative Therapies for Glaucoma” March 26, 2004, Lewiston, Idaho. Approved for four hours.

Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute: “Teaching Basic Eye Care to Medical Students in Romania” May 11, 2004, Goldendale, Washington. More information is needed prior to Board determination.

Casey Eye Institute: “Screening Children for Eye Disease” May 22, 2004. Casey Eye Institute, Oregon Health & Science University. Approved for two hours.

Metagenics Education Programs: “Breakthrough Approaches for Improving Adrenal and Thyroid Function”. March 17, 2002. Seattle, Washington. More information is needed prior to Board determination.

7.2 Request for extension of reporting period.

The Board approved a request from Kelley Cochrane, O.D., for an extension until August 1, 2004.

7.3 Review for next quarter.

Thomas Riley, O.D., will review request for approval of continuing education courses through September 17, 2004. Dr. Wong will assist as needed.

8. UPCOMING BOARD VACANCIES

In September 2004, terms for the following Board members will expire.

- Ben Wong, Jr., O.D. This is Dr. Wong's second term. Dr. Wong is not pursuing reappointment.
- Jeffrey Sutro, O.D. Dr. Sutro is seeking reappointment to a second term.
- Lund Chin, O.D. Dr. Chin is seeking reappointment to a second term.

The following licensees have applied for a position the Board.

- Mariann Tonder, O.D.
- Byron Thomas, O.D.
- Jay Youngman, O.D.

9. BUDGET REPORT

The Board reviewed budget and expenditures for the month ending April 2004.

10. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS

The Board is planning to hold its September 17, 2004, meeting in Yakima, Washington. Staff will locate a meeting site in Yakima.

CLOSED SESSION:

11. REVIEW OF LICENSING APPLICATIONS:

Two applicants were approved for licensure.

12. DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEW

The following cases were reviewed:

<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
2003-08-0001OD	Closed, risk minimal and not likely to reoccur.
2003-07-0001OD	Recommended closure.

13. OTHER CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

The Board received legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Advisor, Gail Yu.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Approved:

Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair